

Bachman's Finch in Montgomery County, Virginia.—On the afternoon of May 2, I was in an open pasture on a hillside near Blacksburg, Va. Passing a small brush heap, a sparrow that I took for a Field Sparrow at a casual glance flew to a small tree about twelve feet from the ground. As it lit, it sang, and although for years I had not heard that song, I was at once taken back to the pine woods near Charleston, S. C., where, as a youth I had known so well Bachman's Finch (*Peucaea bachmani*). I walked under and around the bird, which sat motionless only two yards overhead, and examined it closely; finally it flew to a small clump of bushes, and by moving quietly I got within a yard of it and easily verified my recognition of it as Bachman's Finch. As I had a good series of specimens I forbore to kill the bird, for my identification of it was complete and its song saved it. As soon as I returned home I examined my specimens and amply satisfied myself. Mr. Jno. W. Daniel has noted this bird as breeding near Lynchburg, Va., but still I think this worthy of note.

I see that Mr. Nathan C. Brown has taken Bachman's Finch in Camden, S. C., on January 25. I have always thought the bird a winter resident on the South Carolina seaboard, for I have taken it in Berkeley County in late December, and Mr. Wayne also notes it, I believe, near Charleston in January.—ELLISON A. SMYTH, JR., Va. *Polytechnic Inst., Blacksburg, Va.*

The Rough-winged Swallow and Duck Hawk near Springfield, Mass.

—*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*. A Rough-winged Swallow was captured by William Dearden in Longmeadow, near Springfield, May 17, 1906. There is no previous record of the occurrence of an individual of this species in the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts since 1851.

Falco peregrinus anatum. About forty years ago much interest was manifested among ornithologists and others by the fact being made known that the Duck Hawk breeds regularly among the nearly inaccessible clefts that are to be found in the vicinity of the peaks of Mounts Tom and Holyoke that arise from the trap rock range that crosses a portion of the Connecticut Valley some fifteen miles north of Springfield, and from that time to this, nests have been seen there almost every year. In 1905 nearly fledged young were found there the last of May, and this year near the same place another nest was discovered containing four eggs. In recent years this portion of the mountain range has been made accessible by reason of the construction of lines of electric railroads, and hundreds visit the region of the Duck Hawk's breeding place where one person did in the sixties, but notwithstanding this, they still continue to select this locality for their summer home.—ROBERT O. MORRIS, *Springfield, Mass.*

Occurrence of the Titlark (*Anthus pensilvanicus*) in Maine, in Spring.

—On the afternoon of May 15, 1889, my brother, Mr. Ralph H. Norton, and I saw a flock of twenty-four Titlarks alight in a field of young grain,